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TO AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

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AMEMBASSY MADRID

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SUBJECT: MAURITANIAN AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON ASSISTANT
SECRETARY EASUM

1. MAURITANIAN AMBASSADOR OULD ABDALLAH MET SEPT. 10 AT
HIS REQUEST WITH ASST. SECRETARY EASUM FOR EXCHANGE OF
VIEWS ON US-MAURITANIAN COMMERCIAL RELATIONS AND POSSIBLE
FUTURE OF SPANISH SAHARA. AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED CONCERN
OVER POSSIBLE MOROCCAN AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS TOWARD
SPANISH SAHARA AND SAID MAURITANIA BELIEVES SAHARANS
SHOULD HAVE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION. HE SPECIFICALLY
CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, AGAINST ANY U.N.-SPONSORED REFER-
ENDUM THAT WOULD PERMIT MOROCCO TO LOAD VOTE IN ADVANCE
BY HAVING "SAHARAN REFUGEES" I.E., "NOMADS", RETURN FROM
MOROCCO. EASUM ADVISED THAT U.S. FAVORS PEACEFUL, NE-
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GOTIATED SOLUTION TO SAHARA PROBLEM CONSISTENT WITH

DESIRES OF SAHARA PEOPLE.

2. REGARDING NOUAKCHOTT-KIFFA HIGHWAY PROJECT BIDDING, ABDULLAH EXPRESSED DISMAY AT LACK OF INTEREST AMONG U.S. FIRMS IN MAKING BIDS. THE PROJECT'S ARAU BACKERS, HE EXPLAINED, HAVE CONFIDENCE IN U.S. FIRMS AND PREFER TO DEAL WITH THEM. AMBASSADOR ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER GIRM'S PROBLEMS WITH LANG-PRITCHARD WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS LATTER'S SUBSTANTIAL ESCALATION OF CONTRACT COSTS FOR

SUGAR REFINERY AND FAILURE TO BEGIN ANY CONSTRUCTION. HE HOPED SUCH PROBLEMS WOULD NOT DETER AMERICAN FIRMS FROM EXPLORING MAURITANIAN COMMERCIAL OR INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES. (FYI: SINCE ALL PROBLEMS APPEARED TO ORIGINATE WITH AMERICAN FIRM'S ACTIONS OR INACTIONS, IT WAS DIFFICULT TO FOLLOW AMBASSADOR'S CONCERNS ON THIS POINT.) EASUM REPLIED DEPARTMENT WOULD CHECK WITH LANG ATTORNEY MORSE TO LEARN PRECISE TERMS OF CONTRACT WITH GIRM. KISSINGER

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